

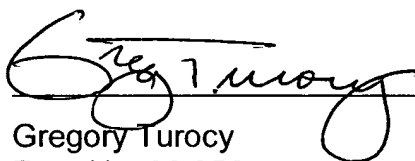
REMARKS

Claims 23-33 and 41-61 are pending in the subject application and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the combination of Moore (US 2001/0029152 A1) and Ishizaki, et al. (US 2001/0041509 A1). Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner Alanko for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of July 22, 2004. In the interview, Examiner Alanko indicated that the claims would be allowable if amended to recite a "semiconductor wafer with integrated circuit features." In view of such, independent claims 23, 41 and 52 have been amended herein in accordance with Examiner Alanko's suggestions, and claims 23-33 and 41-61 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 23-33 and 41-61 be withdrawn.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

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